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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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SECURITIES INVESTOR	:	
PROTECTION CORPORATION,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (BRL)
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v.	:	SIPA LIQUIDATION
	:	(Substantively Consolidated)
BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT	:	
SECURITIES LLC,	:	
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Defendant.	:	
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In re:	:	
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BERNARD L. MADOFF,	:	
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Debtor.	:	
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**REPLY BRIEF IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF MOTION TO COMPEL THE
TRUSTEE TO PROVIDE A REPORT OF HIS INVESTIGATIVE
ACTIVITIES AND THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF BLMIS**

The undersigned customers of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC

("BLMIS"), numbering over 1,200 and consisting of customers whose claims the Trustee has

recognized as well as customers whose claims the Trustee has not recognized (together, the “Customers”), submit this memorandum in further support of their motion (the “Motion”) to compel the Trustee to produce the underlying documents concerning his investigation into the affairs of BLMIS.

BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

The Trustee has ignored his statutory obligation, as set forth in the Motion, to report to the Customers and all other parties in interest concerning the BLMIS fraud. As a SIPA trustee, the Trustee “shall be subject to the same duties as a trustee in a case under chapter 7 of Title 11.” 15 U.S.C. § 78fff-1(b). Thus, the scope of a SIPA trustee’s legal duties closely tracks that of a bankruptcy trustee who has a duty to “investigate the financial affairs of a debtor” and, unless otherwise ordered by the court, “furnish such information concerning the estate and the estate’s administration as is requested by a party in interest.” 11 U.S.C. § 704(a)(4), (7). Section 704(7) “places the burden of providing requested information on the trustee, and reflects the overriding duty to keep parties in interest informed.” *Pineiro v. Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation*, 318 F.Supp.2d 67, 102 (S.D.N.Y.2003). The trustee’s responsibilities have been interpreted broadly, “making a request for information difficult for the trustee to avoid, in the absence of a court order to the contrary.” *Id.*

The Trustee’s failure to disclose material information has become an issue of Congressional concern. In a June 3, 2011 letter, Congressman Scott Garrett, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government-Sponsored Enterprises, asked the Government Accountability Office (“GAO”) to “conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the actions of SIPC, the Trustee in the Madoff liquidation, and the SEC’s involvement and

oversight of this major liquidation.”¹ The Garrett Letter questioned the Trustee’s “record for transparency throughout the liquidation process” and emphasized the importance of disclosure in this case:

In a contentious claims process, as is the case in the Madoff liquidation, **customers need to have access to all relevant information discovered by the Trustee in the course of his investigation of the bankruptcy.** This obvious need is contemplated in the SIPA statute, which directs the Trustee to prepare a full report on his findings for the Bankruptcy Court and SIPC. To date, some 30 months after the Trustee’s appointment, no such report is available. [Emphasis added.]

Clearly, Congressman Garrett does not believe that the Trustee has satisfied his obligations of disclosure. In fact, the Trustee has failed to provide any of the information that the Customers have requested; nor has the Trustee provided any justification for this failure. In response to the Motion, the Trustee has not alleged that any of the information requested by the Customers is confidential and there would be no basis to do so. For example, all of the BLMIS trading records and records of bank transfers are non-confidential material under this Court’s order as:

documents or other material known to, or independently developed by, the receiving party;

documents or other material required to be produced to the receiving party by a court of competent jurisdiction (to the extent such court permits); and

Litigation Protective Order, ¶ 4 (June 6, 2011) (ECF #4137).

The Trustee’s failure to disclose the requested information to the Customers infringes on the “policy of open inspection, established in the Code itself through section 704(7).” The transparency required by section 704(7) “is fundamental to the operation of the bankruptcy

¹ See Chaitman Decl. Ex. B at 3.

system and is the best means of avoiding any suggestion of impropriety that might or could be raised.” *In re Robert Landau Assocs., Inc.*, 50 B.R. 670, 677 (Bankr.S.D.N.Y.1985) (internal citation and quotation omitted); *see also In re Sports Accessories, Inc.*, 34 B.R. 80, 82 (Bankr.D.Md.1983) (discussing importance of trustee's duty to disclose).

The Trustee does not dispute that all information filed with SIPC must be made public pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78kkk(a), but instead states merely that he has not "filed" any notice, report or other documents with SIPC. This carefully crafted response is unsatisfactory.

If the Trustee has provided no written information to SIPC he should say so plainly. The implication is that the information that the Trustee *has* provided to SIPC has been done through a means that the Trustee deems to be other than "filing." However, the Trustee provides no authority for any contention that the requirements of 15 U.S.C. § 78kkk(a) can be avoided simply through creative labeling, and such a construction of the statute would be ridiculous, as it provides such a gigantic loophole as to render the statute meaningless.

WHEREFORE, the Customers respectfully request that the Court order the Trustee to produce, within 30 days of the date of this motion, all of the documents listed in their Motion.

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